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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONCLUSIONS ON EC SUMMIT

REF: COPENHAGEN 2897

SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO PRESS SPOKESMAN OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS PRESENT, EC FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE AGREED TO RESTRICT THEIR OWN ATTENDANCE AT DECEMBER SUMMIT TO CLOSING STAGES. NO TECHNICAL MINISTERS TO ATTEND, ALTHOUGH ORTOLI WILL BE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME SESSIONS. UK SAYS EC AND U.S. ARE NOW AGREED ON POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS OF DECLARATION AND NINE HAVE AGREED ON ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS. NEW MEETING WITH US REPS NECESSARY ON LATTER. END SUMMARY.

1. EC FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE NOW REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED DISCUSSION OF DECEMBER SUMMIT AFTER DECIDING IT WILL BE BASICALLY A MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STATE OR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL, HOWEVER, PARTICIPATE IN LATER STAGES OF MEETING, PERHAPS ON AFTERNOON OF SECOND DAY. BELGIANS POINTED OUT CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTIES FACED BY NUMBER OF EC MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY SMALLER STATES, WHERE PRIME MINISTERS CAN NOT FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER SPEAK WITH SOLE AUTHORITY ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BELGIANS ALSO PRESSED FOR ATTENDANCE BY EC COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES, TO PROVIDE FURTHER INSURANCE THAT INTERESTS OF SMALL COUNTRIES WILL BE PROTECTED. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT ORTOLI, AS PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION, WILL BE WELCOME TO ATTEND SOME SESSIONS.

2. BRITAIN'S HOME ADVOCATED SETTING UP PROCEDURES FOR ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS OF SITUATIONS LIKELY TO LEAD TO CRISES. "BETTER TO ACT ON DAY ONE THAN DAY EIGHT", HE CAUTIONED. BRITISH EXPRESSED THEMSELVES AS OPEN MINDED ON QUESTION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS PARTICIPATING IN SUMMIT CONSULTATIONS OR POSSIBLY MEETING IN PARALLEL (SAME TIME AND PLACE) AS PMS.

3. FRENCH STRESSED THAT COPENHAGEN SUMMIT WILL BE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT IN CHARACTER FROM PARIS SUMMIT, WHICH HAD BEEN CAREFULLY PREPARED OVER SEVERAL MONTHS.

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THIS MEETING WILL BE MORE INFORMAL AND CONSIST OF A FREE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. THERE IS TO BE NO FORMAL COMMUNIQUE AT THE END, MERELY A SUMMING UP BY THE DANISH CHAIRMAN. THERE MAY, HOWEVER, BE WRITTEN DOCUMENTS ISSUED DEALING WITH INDIVIDUAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. BASIC AGENDA ITEMS REPORTEDLY ARE 1) ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION, 2) EC-US RELATIONS, 3) EAST-WEST RELATION, AND 4) MIDDLE EAST, PLUS 5) (PERHAPS) ENERGY. PRINCIPALS WILL MEET "AT THE FIRESIDE"

BUT AT A CERTAIN MOMENT, THE CIRCULE MAY BE ENLARGED TO INCLUDE FOREIGN MINSTERS. NO DECISION REPORTEDLY REACHED AS TO PERIODIC SUMMITS BUT FRENCH SPOKESMAN SAID HE THOUGHT SMALL COUNTRIES NOW UNDERSTOOD THAT SUCH SUMMITS WOULD NOT BE MANEUVERS AGAINST THEM OR THE COMMISSION.

4. BRITISH SPOKESMAN LORD NICHOLAS GORDAN-LENNOX REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT US-EC DECLARATION HAS BEEN BEEFED UP POLITICALLY AND THERE HAS BEEN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH STOESEL ON THIS. THE ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS STILL NEED BEEFING UP, HE ADDED, BUT NINE ARE NOW AGREED ON TEXT. A NEW MEETING WITH US REPS WILL BE NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH AMERICANS.
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